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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: James A. BELMONT)
Application No.: 09/672,328) Group Art Unit: 1625
Filed: September 29, 2000) Examiner: OH, Taylor
For: MODIFIED PIGMENTS HAVING STERIC AND AMPHIPHILIC GROUPS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 11, 2002

Sir:

This Request for Reconsideration is in response to the non-final Office Action dated September 11, 2002, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response, thus making the response due on or before December 11, 2002.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and continued examination of the above-identified application are respectfully requested.

At page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner asserts that the specification lacks enablement under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. The Examiner states that the specification is enabling for a pigment such as blue, black, white, brown, cyan, green, violet, magenta, red, yellow, and mixtures thereof, anthraquinones, phthalocyanine blues, phthalocyanine greens, diazos, monazos, pyranthrone, perylenes, heterocyclic yellows, quinacridones, and (thio) indigoids. However, the Examiner asserts that these pigments do not reasonably provide enablement for all pigments in the

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